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## Dean Smith



## THE CHASE

A woman was driving down the highway about 75 miles an hour, when she noticed a cop following her. Instead of slowing down, she picked up speed.
When she looked back again, there were 2 cops following her. She shot up to 90 mph. The next time she looked around, there were 3 cops following her.
Suddenly, she spotted a gas station looming ahead. She screeched to a stop and ran into the ladies' room. Ten minutes later, she innocently walked out.
The 3 cops were standing there waiting for her. Without batting an eye, she said coyly, "I'll bet none of you thought I would make it."


We need to stop just pulling people out of the river.

We need to go upstream and find out why they are falling in.

## Desmond Tutu

Public service. We don't elect people to rule, or even lead, us.
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 As I pulled into the gas station，I noticed a woman trying to push her car toward the pump．Having always considered myself a Good Samaritan，I parked and joined her in pushing her car．＂What are you doing？＂she asked．
＂I＇m giving you a hand，＂I said．＂What are you doing？＂ ＂I＇m stretching before my run．＂

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"For somebody to do well in school, somebody needs to make him go to bed on time and get a good 10 hours sleep. Someone must make him do his homevork. Somebody must feed him breakfast in the morning and somebody must make him mind the teacher", said Williams. "if those things are not done, I don't care how much money you put in the school system, educations will not occur."

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## Well J.C.

 That's good. But who wants to look 75 years old?

## HOOVES \& HORNS BY A.W. ERWIN


"We ain't got a fence that'll hold her,...an' we figgered we'd never git her caught an'loaded again."

## DUTCH CRANBERRY-APPLE PIE

## Ingredients

- 3 large apples, peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 cups fresh cranberries
- $1 / 2$ cup raisins
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 1/4 cup cornstarch
- 1 tablespoon grated orange zest
- 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon

- $1 / 4$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- Pastry for single-crust pie
- 2 tablespoons butter


## TOPPING:

- $1 / 2$ cup all-purpose flour
- 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons cold butter


## Directions

1. In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice; add the cranberries, raisins and walnuts. Combine the brown sugar, cornstarch, orange zest, cinnamon and nutmeg; add to apple mixture and toss gently to coat.
2. On a floured surface, roll out dough to fit a 9-in. pie plate; transfer to plate. Trim crust to $1 / 2 \mathrm{in}$. beyond rim of plate; flute edges. Fill with apple mixture and dot with butter.
3. For topping, combine flour and brown sugar; cut in

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butter until crumbly. Sprinkle over filling. Bake at $350^{\circ}$ for 50-60 minutes or until topping is golden brown and filling is bubbly. If necessary, cover edges with foil during the last 15 minutes to prevent over browning.

## CARAMEL-PECAN APPLE PIE

## Ingredients

- Dough for single-crust pie
- 7 cups sliced peeled tart apples (about 6 medium)
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 3/4 cup chopped pecans
- $1 / 3$ cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 4 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch

- 1/4 cup caramel topping, room temperature
- 3 tablespoons butter, melted


## STREUSEL TOPPING:

- $3 / 4$ cup all-purpose flour
- $1 / 4$ cup sugar
- 6 tablespoons cold butter, cubed
- $2 / 3$ cup chopped pecans
- 1/4 cup caramel topping, room temperature
- Whipped cream, optional


## Directions

1. Preheat oven to $350^{\circ}$. On a lightly floured surface, roll dough to a $1 / 8$-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9 -in. deep-dish pie plate. Trim crust to $1 / 2$ in. beyond rim of plate; flute edge. Refrigerate while preparing filling.
2. In a large bowl, toss apples with lemon juice and vanilla. Mix pecans, sugars, cinnamon and cornstarch; add to apples and toss to combine.
3. Spread caramel topping onto bottom of crust. Fill with apple mixture. Drizzle with butter.
4. For streusel topping, mix flour and sugar. Cut in butter until crumbly; stir in pecans. Sprinkle over filling.
5. Bake on a lower oven rack until filling is bubbly, 65-75 minutes. Drizzle with caramel topping. Cool on a wire rack. If desired, serve with whipped cream and additional caramel topping.

> I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish.
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## SPICED UPSIDE-DOWN APPLE PIE

## Ingredients

- 2 cups pecan halves
- $1 / 2$ cup butter, melted
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- Pastry for double-crust pie
- $1 / 2$ cup sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour

- 1 tablespoon apple pie spice
- $1 / 2$ teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 6 cups thinly sliced peeled tart apples
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract


## Directions

1. Arrange pecans, with rounded sides facing down, on the bottom of a 9-in. deep-dish pie plate; drizzle with butter. Sprinkle with brown sugar; press lightly.
2. Roll out dough to fit the pie plate; place over brown sugar. Press the crust firmly against brown sugar and sides of pie plate. Trim edges.
3. In a large bowl, combine the sugar, flour, pie spice and nutmeg. Add the apples, lemon juice and vanilla; toss to coat. Fill crust. Roll out remaining dough to fit top of pie; place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edges. Cut slits in crust.
4. Place a foil-lined baking sheet on a rack below the pie to catch any spills. Bake pie at $450^{\circ}$ for 10 minutes. Reduce heat to $350^{\circ}$. Bake until top is golden brown and apples are tender, 40-45 minutes longer. Cool for 10 minutes before inverting onto a serving plate. Serve warm.

## 5. PASTRY FOR DOUBLE CRUST PIE

6. Combine $21 / 2$ cups all-purpose flour and $1 / 2$ tsp salt; cut in 1 cup cold butter until crumbly. Gradually add $1 / 3=2 / 3$ cup ice water, tossing with a fork until the dough in half. Shape each into a disk; wrap. Refrigerate 1 hour or overnight.

## APPLE-CHERRY CREAM CHEESE PIE

## Ingredients

- 2-1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons sugar
- $3 / 4$ teaspoon salt
- 1 cup cold unsalted butter, cubed
- 6 to 8 tablespoons ice water


Thank you, God for this food. For rest and home. And all things good. For wind and rain and sun above. But most of all those we love. In Jesus Name we pray, Amen.

## FILLING:

- 1 package (8 ounces) cream cheese, softened
- 1-1/4 cups sugar, divided
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 9 cups thinly sliced peeled McIntosh apples (about 11 medium)
- $1 / 2$ cup all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon apple pie spice
- $1 / 4$ teaspoon salt
- 1 can (14-1/2 ounces) pitted tart cherries, drained
- 2 tablespoons butter


## Directions

1. In a large bowl, mix flour, sugar and salt; cut in butter until crumbly. Gradually add ice water, tossing with a fork until dough holds together when pressed. Divide dough in half. Shape each into a disk; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 1 hour or overnight.
2. Preheat oven to $425^{\circ}$. For filling, in a small bowl, beat cream cheese, $1 / 4$ cup sugar and vanilla until blended. In a large bowl, toss apples with flour, pie spice, salt and remaining sugar. Stir in cherries.
3. On a lightly floured surface, roll one half of dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle; transfer to a 9-in. pie plate. Trim pastry even with rim.
4. Spread cream cheese mixture onto bottom of pastry. Add apple mixture; dot with butter. Roll remaining dough to a 1/8-in.-thick circle. Place over filling. Trim, seal and flute edge. Cut slits in top.
5. Bake 45-50 minutes or until crust is golden brown and filling is bubbly. Cover top loosely with foil during the last 10-15 minutes if needed to prevent over browning. Cool on a wire rack. Refrigerate leftovers.


Treat everyone with politeness and kindness, not because they are nice, but because you are.

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## TRUST

Pastor Josh and Kayla Sims Trust, a five-letter word that is the foundation of all relationships.
Relationships with friends, family and your spouse are all based on trust. What are some other areas trust is important? It is important to be able to trust your doctor and tax accountant. Trust is important in all our lives. What about your spiritual life? It can be hard to trust God at times, but God gives us reassurances to continue trusting Him. Proverbs $3: 5$ says, ...Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding." How many times do I catch myself relying on my own personal understanding of a situation all to find out later I got it wrong? The Psalmist tells us in Psalms 37:3 and 5, ...[3] Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness." "[5] Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act." I believe, that our Heavenly Father is saying to us today that He has everything under control, and we can take comfort in that. We will still encounter difficulties, but we can have peace in the middle of the storm knowing God is there. Do you find it hard to trust God sometimes? I know I do and that is when I remind myself of verse one of the old hymns My Hope is built on Nothing Less. ...My Hope is but on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.

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## Heavy Baggage

My dear friend, a divorcee, never remarried, and her daughter wanted to know why. "The men I know would bring too much heavy baggage to the marriage and I simply don't want to put up with it," she explained. Taking her mother's hand in hers, my friend's daughter said sweetly, "I hate to break the news to you, Mom, but you're not exactly carry-on yourself."

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## Staying Focused On What Matters Most

## By: Wallace Kennedy, Jr.

When we think about the word "focused" we think about our eyes being fixed on an object, and also, the fact of having a clear and definite purpose.
The world around us are filled with many distractions, some of these distractions are worth our time and efforts, and some of them we can live without.

There will always be many distraction on our Christian journey, some created by our own doing, and some because of a common enemy that wants to keep us out of the will of God for our life.

One of the greatest privileges we have as Christians is a personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Spending some quiet alone time with Him, and enjoying His presence and fellowship is the most special time of a day.
First things first: We need to eliminate distractions. While we can't do away with everything, you can make an effort to reduce or get rid of as many distractions as possible:

- $\quad$ Set our clock to get up 30 minutes early, so we are not rushing our time in prayer, reading our Bible and meditating on what we read.
- Turning off notifications on your phone or turning your phone off altogether
- Closing the door to an isolated and quiet area in the house
- Letting relatives and friends know when you have your morning devotion, so they know not to distract you for a period of time.

There is not a one-size-fit-all, nor a cookie cutter type solution. We all can be encouraged by the words of our brother Paul:

Philippians 3:12-16 I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward-to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back. So let's keep focused on that goal, those of us who want everything God has for us. If any of you have something else in mind, something less than total commitment, God will clear your blurred vision-you'll see it yet! Now that we're on the right track, let's stay on it. (MSG)

We cannot change what happened in 2021, However "Staying Focused On What Matters Most" will make a greater New Year in 2022.

May our Lord Jesus keep us all in His care.
Happy New Year



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A Young Minister A young minister, in the first days of his first parish, was obliged to call upon the widow of an eccentric man who had just died.
Standing before the open casket and consoling the widow, he said, "I know this must be a very hard blow, Mrs. Vernon. But we must remember that what we see here is the husk only, the shell. The nut has gone to heaven."

Some modern Eskimos use a refrigerator to keep their food warm. Well, maybe not warm, but at room temperature. Leaving it out 'in the elements' could lead to freezer burned food.

## What Are Paper Towns?

Paper towns are fake towns created by cartographers, or map makers, meant to trap or catch anyone who is violating copyright protection and stealing someone else's map work. In addition to creating these paper towns, mapmakers might throw in some fake rivers and roads as well.


CLUES ACROSS

1. __ de Mornay, actress
2. Surrenders
3. Omission
4. The white poplar
5. They become butterflies
6. Used to chop
7. Select
8. Volcanic craters
9. Consumer price index
10. Utilize
11. "True Blood" actress Paquin
12. Got up
13. Sank in
14. Retail
15. Giants
16. Most bald
17. Changes color
18. Unit of loudness
19. Undresses
20. Fathers
21. Learned skill
22. Remove qualification
23. Covered with frost
24. Speak up
25. Nowhere to be found
26. Part of surgery (abbr.)
27. Type of wrap
28. Church seating
29. Mathematical figure
30. College football conference
31. Turkish officer title
32. Organized body of knowledge
33. Smooth and glossy
34. Left

## CLUES DOWN

1. Get back
2. Pass or go by
3. Having a sharp taste
4. Midway between east and southeast
5. Cairo Regional Airport
6. Peace officer
7. Brings to life
8. Automotive vehicles
9. One point south of due east
10. Football position
11. Goes by
12. Most attractive
13. Road divisions
14. Not the sea
15. Small, faint constellation
16. Cabbage
17. Least frequent
18. Change slightly
19. A country in NE Africa
20. Metric units of measure
21. More coherent
22. Make uninteresting
23. Nausea
24. Institution of Oceanography
25. Of little value
26. Hindu model of the ideal man
27. Biblical exclamation
28. You throw it at a board
29. Be about to happen
30. Brutal
31. Opened one's mouth widely
32. 19th letter of Greek alphabet
33. Saturate
34. The woman
35. Someone who is highly skilled
36. A way to launch an attack on 54. Where golfers begin
37. Atomic number 58

## I NEED TO BUY SOME ARSENIC

Conversation between a pharmacist and a female customer: Woman: "I need to buy some arsenic." Pharmacist:" Why do you need arsenic?" Woman: "I need arsenic because I want to kill my husband." Pharmacist: "WHAT?" Woman: "You heard me! I want to kill my husband!" Pharmacist: "Why on earth would you want to do that?" Woman: "Because he's having an affair
with YOUR wife!!!" Pharmacist: "Well why didn't you tell me you had a prescription?"

These you will have to figure out. No answers here!

> How can the number four be half of five?


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## Claybank Master Gardeners

 February 2022
## Greeting Gardeners－in－waiting，

＊＊Possibly some of you are not＂in－ waiting＂，but happily raising your lettuces and green veggies，which thrive in the winter，in spite of the dormant landscape．I＇m proud to say that even my dandelions are thriving，but I do cover them on freezing nights．The photo here shows the dandelion root that came up when I went to pull a few leaves （from my raised beds）for a salad． Why eat dandelions？They are packed with nutrition due in part to their long roots which bring up the nutrients from deep down in the
 soil．You can dry the leaves on paper towels for a couple days on the kitchen counter and use them in tea．The flowers，stems， leaves and roots are edible（but wash off any soil first）．A friend told me her family drank dandelion wine，which is not in my repertoire of favorite beverages，but then I never tried any．
＊＊In January，the Lolleys from Mayim Farm（also on Facebook）gave the Claybank Master Gardeners an excellent introduction to the health benefits and how－to of fermentation of vegetables at home． Check out their Facebook page for their video on the subject．
＊＊February 14th is the usual time to prune roses and shrubs here in the Wiregrass area，zones 8a and 8b．But FIRST，you might want to wait until after the pruning workshop being held by the Dale County Extension on February 21 ${ }^{\text {st }}$ from 9－10 AM，with a work session from 10－12 at the Ark of $\mathbf{O z}$ ，focusing on Crepe Myrtles and roses．Tools will be available，but bring your gloves，and alcohol to clean your pruners．Please register at the Extension office（334）774－2329．
＊＊What should you plant in February？The Alabama Extension Service has an app called＂SOW＂which tells us when to plant what．Here are the suggested February crops for zone 8b：beets，cabbage， cauliflower，collards，kohlrabi，lettuce， mustard，onions，sweet peas，radishes， spinach，Swiss chard，turnips and white potatoes．
＊＊The Claybank Master Gardeners meet at Hoppergrass Restaurant， 129 east Avenue in Ozark every $2^{\text {nd }}$
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Solution on page 25

## EXERCISE

One of my friends hates exercise. To her, getting up in the morning is a moving violation.
The only exercise she get is pushing her luck, stretching the truth, and jumping to conclusions.
Although, she has been known to carry a grudge.

## LONG SPEECH

A man giving a moving long-winded speech finally says, "I'm sorry I talked so long. I left my watch at home."
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Solve the code to discover words related to heart health
Each number corresponds to a letter. (Hint: $26=\mathrm{E}$ )
A. $4 \quad 26 \quad 6 \quad 11 \quad 20$

Clue: Beats in chest
B. $\begin{array}{lllll}5 & 12 & 13 & 22 & 26\end{array}$

Clue: Rhythm of blood flow
C. $\begin{array}{lllllll}10 & 23 & 3 & 8 & 20 & 23 & 11\end{array}$

Clue: Watch and see
D. $10 \begin{array}{llllll}12 & 22 & 2 & 13 & 26\end{array}$

Clue: Tissues that contract

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to heart health.

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## Guess Whoa?

I am a singer/songwriter born in England on February 1, 1994. I rose to fame in a popular boy band, and later embarked on a successful solo career. The same year I went solo, I made my acting debut in a Christopher Nolan film.


## HEART FUNCTION WORD SEARCH



Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.
AORTIC
ARTERY
ATRIUM
BEAT
BLOOD
CARDIAC
CHAMBERS
COORDINATED
HEART
LEFT
LUNGS
MITRAL
NUTRIENTS
OXYGEN
PATTERN
PULMONARY
PULSE
RIGHT
TISSUES
TRICUSPID
VALVE
VEIN
VENA CAVA
VENTRICLE

# CIRCLE wsuiance AGENGY 

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A man's gift makes room for him,
And brings him before great men.
Proverbs 18.16
The Qord Gives us Gifts and Talents.
When He so Unselfishly Distributes them He
also Anoints them to work, To Maxe room
To accomplish what They were sent out to do.
You don't have to be like crabs in a bucket
Just Deiver The Messabe, git Back and let The Anointing flow
For instance, One of my many

is Encouracement and Motivational Speaxing,
\& Now Here we are on qauchs and qifts
You can also find more Inspirational
gtories on my Acape Ministryy Facebook Page
@ $m_{\text {elissa }}$ gtuckey

## Wackie Wordies (solutions)

## 1. Fall over backward

## 2. Broken promises

3. Thin-skinned
4. He's on a short leash
5. Double talk

## 6. Sign on the dotted line

7. Credibility gap
8. Going against the current
9. Raised eyebrows
10. Case in point
11. Dashing hopes
12. Up-to-date

Ella and Sam opened up a deli. They had a good location but hardly anybody came in.
One day they were looking at the store front and it hit them.
The store name was SAM AND ELLA DELI Arthur Thieme

## THE LORD IS MY SHEPARD

We live in a world today, which tries to say too much with too little. Consequently, few listen. Sometimes the best sermons are the ones left unspoken.
The Lord is my Shepherd ----- that's a Relationship!
I shall not want ----- that's Supply!
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures ---that's Rest!
He leadeth me beside the still waters -----that's Refreshment!
He restoreth my soul ----- that's Healing!
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness -that's Guidance!
For His name sake ----- that's Purpose!
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death--that's Testing!
I will fear no evil ----- that's Protection!
For Thou art with me ----- that's Faithfulness!
Thy rod and Thy staff comfort me -----that's Discipline!
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies------that's Hope!
Thou annointest my head with oil -----that's
Consecration!
My cup runneth over ----- that's Abundance!
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life----that's Blessing!
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord -----that's Security!
Forever ----- that's Eternity!
Face it, God loves you!

## TRANSFERRED

A guy was sitting in an airplane when another guy took the seat beside him. The new guy was a wreck, pale, hands shaking, biting his nails and moaning in fear.
"Hey, pal, what's the matter?" said the first guy. "I've been transferred to Los Angeles, California," he answered nervously. "They've got race riots, drugs, the highest crime rate in the country..." "Hold on," said the first. "I've been in L.A all my life, and it's not as bad as the media says. Find a nice home, go to work, mind your own business, enroll your kids in a good school and it's as safe as anywhere in the world."
The second guy stopped shaking for a moment and said, "Oh, thank you. I was worried to death! But if you live there and say it's ok, I'll take your word for it. By the way, what do you do for a living?" "Me?" said the first, "I'm a tail gunner on a bread truck.

ME: Goodbyes are so awkward.....am I supposed to give you a kiss, hug or what? LADY AT DRIVE THRU: Please just take your food sir!
~ Andrew Anderson

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I's not what you are that is holding you back. It's what YOU think you are not.
-Anonymous-


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## 12345678910

How is seven different from the rest of the numbers between one and ten?
The math nerds may start thinking about prime numbers or whether seven is divisible by this or that or if it can be cubed and all that. Avoid thinking about math altogether and think about the literal quality of the words that signify the numbers. Remember that riddles play with the differences between the literal and the conceptual, or the straightforward and the complex. For this riddle, think simple, but pivot to a paradigm separate from numbers.




| EVERYTHING |
| :---: |
| HAPPENS FOR A REASON. |
| Sometimes it hurts. |
| Sometimes it's hard. |
| But in the end it's all for the best. |
| NEVER STOP TRUSTING GOD |
| and the divine plan. |



## Numbrix Solution

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| 6 | 81 | 34 | 35 | 38 | 45 | 64 | 63 | 62 |
| 7 | 8 | 33 | 36 | 37 | 46 | 47 | 60 | 61 |
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| 11 | 12 | 31 | 30 | 25 | 26 | 49 | 56 | 57 |
| 14 | 13 | 18 | 19 | 24 | 23 | 50 | 55 | 54 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 51 | 52 | 53 |

The 92 -year-old, petite, wellpoised and proud lady, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed and makeup perfectly applied, even though she is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. Her husband of
 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she maneuvered her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on her window. "I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy. "Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room .... just wait." "That doesn't have anything to do with it ," she replied. "Happiness is


> SHE SOMETIMES KNOWS IMM WRONG BEFORE PVE EVEN OPENED MY MOUTH.

something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged, it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away, just for this time in my life." She went on to explain, "Old age is like a bank account, you withdraw from what you've put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories Thank you for your part in filling my Memory bank. I am still depositing." And with a smile, she said: "Remember the five simple rules to be happy: 1. Free your heart from hatred. 2. Free your mind from worries. 3. Live simply. 4. Give more. 5. Expect less


## Math Blocks

Fill in the missing blocks with numbers between 0-10.
The numbers in each row add up to the totals to the right.
The numbers in each column add up to the totals on the bottom.

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Get Scrambled
Unscramble the words to determine the phrase.

A HYTHEL THRAE


Can you guess what the bigger picture is?

When I was young, there were two ways to die...natural causes and talking back to your parents.

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